

## Thomas Pinckney to Andrew Jackson, November 29, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### THOMAS PINCKNEY TO JACKSON.

Milledgeville, November 29, 1813.

*Sir* , you will herewith receive a Letter which I had the honor of addressing to you from Charleston, directed to the care of the late Governor Mitchell at this place hoping that a communication of intelligence between you and the Commanding Officer of the Georgia Troops had been established; but finding on my arrival here that desireable measure has not be effected I now forward it by express.

I have received no intelligence or instruction from Government since I had wrote that Letter which has induced me to alter the opinion I then formed of the best mode of effectually subduing the Creek nation, having at the same time in view what may possibly be the ulterior intention of our Government in this expedition: temporary incursions of short duration which alone can take place when the Troops will be supplied with provisions by waggons or pack horses may harrass and distress the Enemy, but will be far less efficacious than the establishment of good posts in the heart of their Country whence expeditions may be made in every direction with the certainty of an adequate supply of provisions and a retreat to a place of security in case of misfortune, add to this that if the Indians accept the invitation said to be given them by the Spaniards to take refuge with them we should not be able to pursue them unless we have Depots of provisions, whence the Army can be supplied.

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These considerations have induced me after obtaining the best information to be had at this place to send my first Aide de Camp Lt Morris to the places whereat our transportation by Land from the fertile settlements of Georgia and Tennessee to the head of boat navigation of the waters of the Chatahowchie and Alabama Rivers may be effected directing him to proceed to Col: R. J. Meigs<sup>1</sup> at Highwassee who it is presumed can furnish accurate information of the practicability and best mode of effecting the objects in contemplation. He will thence forward to you the dispatch together with such further information as he may obtain on this subject, and is authorised if he shall find it necessary to proceed to have a personal communication with you; if he should not you will please to send your answer to this dispatch by the express; wherein you will please to communicate all necessary information concerning your situation and prospects. The Adjutant General of the District writes to the Officer acting as such with you for the necessary returns which you will please to forward at the same time.

1 The senior of that name, father of the Governor of Ohio, and U. S. agent with the Cherokee. His agency was at Hiwassee, in Tennessee. See p. 325.

By our last accounts, Genl. Floyd commanding the Georgia Troops had reached Coweta on the Chatahouchie where he is directed to establish a Post, and whereat we are endeavoring to collect a Depot of Provisions. Genl. Adams who commands a body of five hundred mounted Infantry of Georgia will proceed from the Oakmulgee on an expedition against the Pakpeskee Towns near the burnt Village on the Eighth or Ninth of this Month, the distance about ninety miles. if this information should reach you in time it would be desireable that you should send a detachment to operate in the same quarter at the same time. Genl Floyd who is within sixty miles of the same point will be instructed to make a simultaneous attack from his present position. If you have any late intelligence from or concerning Genl. Flournoy, Genl. Claiborne or the Officer commanding any Troops which

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may be destined for this expedition from the 7th Military District you will oblige me by communicating it. I have the honor to be very respectfully Sir . . . .